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SUBJECT: CFDT-WCL RELATIONS

1. RENE SALANNE, HEAD OF CFDT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TOLD U.S. AND UK LABCOUNS THAT CFDT NO LONGER CONSIDERS IT REALISTIC TO EXPECT PROGRESS FOR AN ICFTU-WCL MERGER. THE WCL AFFILIATES OF BELGIUM AND LATIN AMERICA HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OPPOSING THE MOVE TOWARDS SUCH MERGER. THE BEST THAT CFDT NOW HOPES TO SEE IS A WCL WILL AND ABILITY TO JOIN WITH THE ICFTU IN COMBINED ACTIONS ON BROAD ISSUES CONCERNING LABOR. HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE RECENT ICFTU-WCL-ETUC CONFERENCE AGAINST APARTHEID.

2. IF CFDT WERE TO REACH THE CONCLUSION THAT WCL IS PUTTING OBSTACLES IN ANY PROJECTS FOR JOINT

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ACTION WITH THE ICFTU, IT WILL NOT HESITATE TO

DISAFFILIATE FROM WCL. IN THAT CASE, CFDT WILL NOT SEEK IMMEDIATELY AFFILIATION WITH THE ICFTU BUT WILL REMAIN UNATTACHED TO ANY INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

3. THE CFDT WAS CONSIDERABLY ANNOYED BY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE WCL TRADE SECRETARIAT FOR FOOD WORKERS WHICH, WITHOUT CHECKING WITH CFDT, PROCEEDED TO ACCEPT THE AFFILIATION OF THE CFTC FOOD WORKERS UNION AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE CFDT UNION WHICH DISAFFILIATED IN ORDER TO AFFILIATE WITH THE EQUIVALENT ICFTU SECRETARIAT.

4. SALANNE ADDED THAT CFDT WILL BE FOLLOWING CLOSELY WCL RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED WFTU. WHILE CFDT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE IS NOT OPPOSED TO CONTACTS WITH THE WFTU, IT HOPES THAT THE WCL WILL USE DISCRETION IN THIS RESPECT AND WILL AVOID THE TYPE OF ACTIONS WHICH WILL BE INTERPRETED AS A COMMITMENT TO PURSUE A POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH WFTU.

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